

REPORT

Of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads on the Petition of Elliott Rucker, accompanied with a bill for his relief.

FEBRUARY 6, 1824,

Read, and, with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Elliott Rucker, have had the same under consideration, and,

REPORT THEREON:

The petitioner states, that, in 1810, he became bound as one of the securities of Edmund F. Vawter, as postmaster at Versailles, in Kentucky; that Vawter held the office about two years, and resigned, and recommended one Buck, who conducted the office, in the name of Vawter, for a length of time after Vawter had resigned, and until said Buck was appointed, and that Buck never accounted for the moneys received, from the time of Vawter's resignation until the time he was commissioned; that, about two years ago, suit was brought on the bond, and judgment has been recovered against him for 500 dollars, the penalty of the bond; that he has paid the costs of the suit; that Vawter and his other security are entirely insolvent, and removed to Indiana; and prays to be relieved.

It appears, from the statement furnished by the Postmaster General, that Vawter, by letter, resigned 29th March, 1813, which was entered for consideration 4th May, 1813, and on the 11th September, 1813, P. C. Buck was appointed postmaster; that there was no return of receipts at the office, from 1st October, 1812, to 1st October, 1813, and the amount was, for that time, estimated and doubled; that, 5th April, 1819, the bond was sent to the attorney for the United States to sue on; and further proceedings were suspended by order of the 17th October, 1823. It appears from the statement of the Postmaster General that the amount due from Vawter, without including any penalty, is \$280 82. The committee, under these circumstances, report a bill for the relief of said Rucker from said judgment, on his paying the said sum of \$280 82.

